

**Contra Costa County**



**Fire Protection District**

Fire Chief  
KEITH RICHTER

November 7, 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

*Submitted electronically*

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to express support for Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology. While Cyren Call is the company making the proposal, my interest is not to support any particular company. Rather, I ask that the Federal government commit to the concept proposed and support a better communications system for public safety nationwide.

It is apparent that our nation's first responders continue to rely upon antiquated technology, expensive equipment and stove-piped systems throughout the country that cannot communicate with each other. There exists currently a very unique opportunity to use a contiguous, 30 MHz block of frequencies in the upper 700 MHz band to provide public safety an advanced, nationwide communications network that would be controlled by public safety and harness the economic benefits of a shared public/private partnership with commercial wireless operators. This proposal joins public and private interests and, for the first time, cohesively addresses the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications.

I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives and other decision-makers in Washington, DC to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust that will benefit every community in America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith B. Richter".

Keith B. Richter  
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